

New Storm Warning Signals

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1958, the U. S. Weather Bureau will put into use a new simplified system of flags and lights for giving warning of storms along the seacoasts and Great Lakes. Under the new system only four separate flag or light signals will be used instead of the seven now employed.

The explanation of the new signals, shown in the diagram below is as follows:

SMALL CRAFT WARNING: One red pennant displayed by day and one red light above one white light at night to indicate that winds up to 38 m. p. h. (33 kt.) and/or sea conditions dangerous to small craft operations are forecast for the area.

GALE WARNING: Two red pennants displayed by day and one white light above one red light by night to indicate that winds ranging from 39 to 54 m. p. h. (34 to 48 kt.) are forecast for the area.

WHOLE GALE WARNING: A single square red flag with a black center displayed by day, and two red lights at night to indicate that winds ranging from 55 to 73 m. p. h. (48 to 63 kt.) are forecast for the area.

HURRICANE WARNING: Two square red flags with black centers displayed by day and one white light between two red lights at night to indicate that winds 74 m. p. h. (64 kt.) and above are forecast for the area.

